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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION CORPORATION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE FURNISHED BY ITS EASTERN GROUP AND FOR CERTAIN RELATED APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. W-01445A-11-0310

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 5, 2011, Arizona Water Company ("AWC") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting adjustments to its rates and charges for utility service provided by its Eastern Group water systems, including its Superstition (Apache Junction, Superior, and Miami); Cochise (Bisbee and Sierra Vista); San Manuel; Oracle; SaddleBrooke Ranch; and Winkelman water systems. AWC also requested several other authorizations in the application.

On February 20, 2013, the Commission issued Decision No. 73736, granting AWC a rate increase for its Eastern Group systems and, among other things keeping the docket open for purposes of further consideration of AWC's Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC"). Decision No. 73736 also set specific deadlines for intervention (February 20, 2013); ruling on intervention requests (February 28, 2013); commencement of settlement discussions (after February 28, 2013); the latest date for a procedural conference (March 8, 2013); a Staff update on settlement discussions (April 9 and 10, 2013 Open Meeting); and consideration of a DSIC Recommended Order (June 11 and 12, 2013 Open Meeting).

By Procedural Order issued February 21, 2013, as modified by Procedural Order issued

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February 25, 2013, this matter was scheduled for hearing commencing April 8, 2013, other procedural deadlines were established, and a procedural conference was scheduled for March 4, 2013. The February 21, 2013, Procedural Order also granted intervention to Liberty Utilities, EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc., the Arizona Investment Council, and Global Water Utilities.

On February 25, 2013, the Water Utility Association of Arizona ("WUAA") filed an Application for Leave to Intervene. Although WUAA's intervention request was not timely under the timeframe set forth in Decision No. 73736, it is reasonable and appropriate to allow its intervention given the potential impact of the DSIC issue on WUAA's member companies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that WUAA is hereby granted intervention.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, 2 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at 3 hearing. DATED this 22 day of February, 2013. 4 5 6 nodes 7 8 ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 9 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered this day of February, 2013, to: 10 11 Steven A. Hirsch 12 Stanley B. Lutz BRYÁN CAVE, LLP 13 Two North Central Avenue, Suite 2200 Phoenix, AZ 85004-4406 14 Attorneys for Arizona Water Company 15 Robert Geake ARIZONA WATER COMPANY P.O. Box 29006 16 Phoenix, AZ 85038 17 Daniel W. Pozefsky RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE 18 1110 West Washington Street, Suite 220 Phoenix, AZ 85007 19 Jay L. Shapiro FENNEMORE CRAIG, PC 20 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 2600 Phoenix, AZ 85012 21 Attorneys for Liberty Utilities 22 Christopher D. Krygier Liberty Utilities 12725 W. Indian Scholl Rd., Suite D101 23 Avondale, AZ 85392 24 Thomas M. Broderick 25 EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. 2355 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd., Suite 300 26 Phoenix, AZ 85027 27

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